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Donvale Primary School provides students with a positive educational experience to achieve their potential in a comprehensive learning environment that is caring, secure and stimulating.

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Principal’s Report

The Rewards of Reading

You know how important it is to read to your children. Children whose families read with them do better in school. And the bonds that you make with your children when you read with them help them feel loved, comforted, and secure. Like most families, you want to read with your children, but somehow days can go by without you sitting down with them and opening a book. The key is to make it a priority. Here are several suggestions to help your children improve their reading skills.

**Fifteen minutes a day can change their lives.** You may be surprised to know that educators recommend just 15 minutes a day of reading, as a minimum. Like exercise, of course, longer sessions are even more beneficial.

**Always have a book on hand, no matter where you are.** Keep a small book in your bag or your car’s glove compartment. Or have a picture book or two in the baby’s stroller. Make sure that you and your children always have something to read when time is available.

**Focus on their interests.** Reading with you should be for pleasure, so get books from the school or public library that feature characters or topics they’re really interested in. It doesn’t matter if they’re reading a book about NASCAR or NASA—either way, they’re reading!

**Ask them questions while you’re reading.** Everyone is a better “listener” when they know they’re going to be asked questions about what they’re listening to. Don’t make it a test, but do keep their interest going by asking them stories about what’s being read. Get their brains working! Don’t just ask who the characters are. Instead, ask questions like “Why do you think he did that?” “What would you do if you were in that situation?” or “What do you think will happen next?”
Be a patient listener. It can be difficult listening to your children struggle while reading. But think how terribly important it is that they succeed. Don’t jump in and finish the sentence for them, no matter how slowly they’re reading. Instead, encourage their effort and let them see that you’re proud they’re reading, and not annoyed that it’s taking so long.

Get everyone involved. The more people who read with your children, the more they'll see that reading is important. Talk with the other adults and older children in your household and let them know that reading with each child is going to be a daily activity, and that you need them to participate.

But first…Kids make time for a lot of extras in their day. So do parents. TV shows, computer games, and going online can eat up surprising amounts of time. Read first—before the computer goes on or their favorite TV show comes on.

There’s something special about owning a book. Libraries and garage sales offer “well loved” books for sale, often for as little as 25 cents. Keep spare change on hand so you can pick up some great reads for your children when you see a sale. When birthdays or holidays come around, make sure there’s always a good book wrapped up and waiting.

Yes, you’re busy. Yes, your children are too. But reading with your children really needs to be part of your day, every day. Fifteen minutes a day is a small investment that will generate enormous rewards.

Lena Clark

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General

BPAY is now available as well as other methods of payment. Letters and statements with reference numbers and details went home last week. Contact the office if you require any information about using BPay for fees and bulk billing.

If using BPay to make a payment, the notice or remittance portion of the statement has to be sent into the office to advise us that a payment has been made using BPay and what is being paid.

Bunnings Donation

Donvale Primary wishes to thank and acknowledge the support of Bunning Nunawading for their kind donation of 14 litres of paint to assist with the painting of the school mural.

This has provided students with the opportunity to add more vibrant and striking features to the mural.

This week our students were excited to leave their imprint on the mural and be part of the new developments at Donvale Primary School.

The Arts Committee

Edgar’s Mission

Yesterday many of the students in Level 5/6 enjoyed a delicious vegetarian lunch to fundraise for Edgar’s Mission Farm Sanctuary. A few of the students didn't order the lunch, but wanted to raise money anyway! Thank you to the people who made donations.

Thank you very, very much to Kim Merton and Nicola Leyh for working hard to provide this meal for the students.

On Wednesday the 22nd May Edgar's volunteers and some of the animals will be visiting our school to talk to the Level 5/6 students about making informed choices. Edgar's Mission live by the motto "If we could live happy and healthy lives without harming others... why wouldn't we?" They plan to thoughtfully discuss this topic with the students and of course, allow the opportunity to have cuddles with the gorgeous farm animals.

The other students in the school will have a chance to meet and greet the animals as they slowly make their way through our corridors to say hello. For some of our older students, this isn't too out of the ordinary, as we have had sheep, goats and chooks in our classrooms and a pig and a donkey at our assembly in the past!

Thank you to the many students who have brought in donations of Weetbix for the animals. I am still happy to collect these right up until the 22nd of May. Each donation of Weetbix buys you a guess in our Jelly Bean competition, so be sure to write your guess in as the students come around the classrooms, or visit 5/6C in person. Guesses cost $1 if you would prefer to enter the comp another way. All funds raised from this will also be given directly to Edgar's Mission.

Thank you to all of you for caring about our creatures.

Miss Cartledge
Working Bee Sunday 19th May 9am -> 12

(Just prior to Open Week to make the school surrounds look great)

Please come along and support your kids school and make it beautiful for Open Day. We've really tried to make Donvale Primary school a place your kids can be proud of and reflect the bright and happy place it is.

The working bee is a great opportunity to chat casually with other people / parents in your community and have a free BBQ and drink on us.

Even if you can only come for an hour it does make a difference to the team effort.

Activities listed below

- Rejuvenating the Junior building ramp (re-staining) and walkway in between junior and middle building
- Pruning, Sweeping, Weeding (general garden bed spruce up)
- Tidy up the vegetable patch (dirty hands / happy hearts!)
- Sharpen the Pencil Garden (sanding and painting)

We need the following tools bought on the day. If you have them available we would appreciate it if you could bring them along

- Gloves, Secateurs
- Special requests (if you can please email / co-ordinate with John Pianta pianta.lewis.j@edumail.vic.gov.au)
- Hedge trimmer
- Orbital / mouse Sander(s)
- Chain Saw (to cut down a few branches)
- Circular Saw (to cut a few logs)

Thanks and look forward to seeing you

The Resources Committee

Playgroup News

Playgroupers have been having lots of fun in term 2. We have welcomed some new families and have had fun playing with trains, bouncing on the trampoline and drawing special pictures of ourselves for our mums for Mother's Day. We would love to welcome more friends to our playgroup. Pop in any Wednesday morning to the GP room and see how much fun we have!
Junior Chef Club

This week's group was full of smiles. Their creations were also very happy shapes such as Jack in the box, Flowers and so on.

Their garnish style was full of zig zag style sauce spreading (they love their tomato sauce), the results looked just like in the food magazines. Well done boys and girls, very proud of you all.

Thank you to the Frigo and Pappas families for their donations. Also thank you to Jaqui Frigo, Marina Younger, Alison Pappas, Mrs J (34M Student teacher), Mr Pianta, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program.

Next week is the turn of group 5 to create dumplings with us.

Ingredients we need are: cucumber, carrot, tomato and cabbage. We don't need much, any amount is helpful thank you.

We don't cook, we create food.

*Liang Dimitroff*

**BIG THUMBS UP:**

- Emily Y (56G) and Darcy B (FHW) for doing a great job as group 4 leaders.
- James T (FHW) and Mira C (12F) for speaking a few Japanese words with Liang and Mrs Clark, "Arigato Gosaimas".
- Jesse Y (12J) and Emily Y (56G) for cooking Laksa with their Mum at home.
- Vicky M (56G) for looking after Foundation children in the session.
- Ella M and Karli M (12F) for giving Liang and Mrs Clark big hugs.

**FROM THE LITTLE CHEFS:**

- Emily Y (56G) : Delicious
- Darcy B (FHW) : I liked making them
- Yanzhen C (FHW) : It's nice
- Rosamund H (FHW) : They are really delicious, tasty and yummy.
- Joshua M (FHW) : It's really good, delicious and I'll give some of my shared to my Mum.
- James T (FHW) : Nice and sweet.
- Cooper R (FHW) : We like the "stuff" that we put in them.
- Vicky M (56G) : "Dumplinglicious".
- Georgia M (56G) : They were awesome !!!
- Peter M (56G) : They are fantastic.
- Thomas J (56R) : I thought they were marvellous and the extra soup was very nice too.
- Mira C (12F) : Taste nice and yum
- Ella M (12F) : It's delicious
- Karli M (12F) : They are the best ones I've ever had.
- Angus P (12F) : They are "yummier" than ever.
- Dante P (12F) : I like them, they are tasty too.
- Connor R (12F) : They are fabulous and beautiful.
- Nikita S (12F) : They are the best one in the world.
- Anthi P (34M) : I thought that I don't like them but actually I like them because I made them by myself.
- Zac T (12J) : It was yum !!!
Performing Arts

What wonderful ambassadors our senior students are! Our Marimba Band has been out and about performing at local pre-schools over the past two weeks. During each of the five concerts the band members played superbly and behaved in a manner that made Mr Gordon, Mrs Clark and I proud of them.

Thanks to Mrs Clark, Ms Johnston and Mrs Tomasi for assisting with transport.

A number of families mentioned that they plan to come to our Open Day to hear more!

Please remember that our Marimba Band and choirs will be performing on Tuesday May 21 at our Open Day and Evening. (Performances at 10.30am then throughout the evening from 6-8pm.)

See you there!

Anthea Keep
From The Sports Desk

Our Cross Country Trials were held last Friday. Congratulations to all our 9, 10, 11 and 12 year olds who participated with great enthusiasm. The support and encouragement that was given to all runners was fantastic.

Waratah (Red) house was the outright winning team.

Children selected for the District Cross Country (23rd May) have been notified. Training for this event is each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning starting at 8.30am for those children able to attend. At the District event 9/10 year olds run 2kms while 11 and 12 year olds run 3kms.

Kilometre Club continues each Wednesday morning (8.30-8.45) for all children/parents. This week the winning team was Waratah house.

Basketball

LAST WEEK’S RESULTS.

We had 4 wins and 1 loss. What a great result.

Congratulations to Holly.M who scored her first goal for the Daisy’s and Kathy.S who shot her first goal for the Daffodils. Keep up the good work girls!!

Game times for this Saturday 11th May are as follows: Please come along and support our school

U11 Boys - Dinosaurs: Coach Penny Keaughran & Team Manager Andrew Miles – Court 2, Disc 12.40pm v. Our Lady of the Pines Firebirds

Open Girls- Delights: Coach Den Merton & Team Manager Nina Vasiliades – BYE

U9 Girls – Daffodils: Coach Kim Merton & Team Manager Charmaine Neal – Leeds St Sports Centre, 10.10am v. Serpells/St Charles Sunrays

U11 Girls – Daisy’s: Coach John Tarenidis & Team Manager Stacey Browne – Court 2, Disc 11am v. Milgate Sparks

U11 Girls – Dreamers: Coach Liz Brown & Team Manager Amanda Ehlert - Court 1, Disc 10.10am v. Our Lady of the Pines Pinecones

Go out there and do your best. Good Luck to all players for this weekend.

Come and Try days

The Donvale Primary School Basketball Club is proud to be opening our training sessions to the wider school community. Come along if you are interested in playing basketball with your school friends. Have a try and see if you like it. Registrations for the Winter season are due June 14th, 2013.

We are looking for players in the following age groups

Under 9 boys
Under 9 girls
Under 11 girls
Open Girls
Open Boys
Interested girls can attend our training session **Tuesday May 28th** at the DISC (Donvale Indoor Sports Centre), Springvale Road 3.45 to 4.45.

Interested boys can attend our training session **Wednesday May 29th** in the school GP room 3.45 to 4.45.

All children need to be actively supervised by a parent/guardian or appropriate adult.

Bring along a basketball, if you have one. Hope to see you there.

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**Girls teams training at DISC, Tue 3:45 to 4:45**

**Boys teams training in GP Room, Wed 3:45 to 4:45**

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Stacey Browne

*Basketball_Snippets*

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**Player Profile**

**ZOE N - DAFFODILS**

1. **How long have you been playing?**
   - This is my first season

2. **What is your favourite subject at school?**
   - Reading

3. **What is your favourite food/drink?**
   - Roast Pork, Crackling and Apple Sauce

4. **Where is your favourite place to holiday?**
   - Beach

5. **What do you love doing as a family activity?**
   - Bike Riding

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**From The Students**

*Blue House Members*

Hello Blue House Members,

I was just wanting to say we are currently on around 55 points meaning we are coming 4th between all of the houses. So please if you are early at school on Wednesdays come and join in and help us get some points!!!

We are hoping to get to the 100 mark really soon, also congratulations to Lola S, Madison H, Rudy S, Nicolas F and anyone else who got into the next Cross Country Level!

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**Birthday Wishes To**

*Celebrating during 10th—16th May*

Anastasia K, Chloe G, Luca L, Daniel S, Anastasia D, Elyse S, Cody S
Maths Fun for Everyone

Coin toss game:

You will need
A large sheet of white cardboard
Long ruler
Permanent marker
20c, $1 and $2 coins
Old table (may get scratched)
Masking tape
Paper and pen for recording results

What to do

Measure along one side of the cardboard and make a mark every 5 cm. Then mark every 5 cm along the opposite side, making sure you start measuring from the same end of the cardboard.

Mark every 5 cm on the two remaining sides, once again remembering to measure from the same end of the cardboard.

Join each dot to the corresponding dot on the other side of the cardboard. You should end up with a square grid pattern on your cardboard.

Tape the cardboard down on a table.

Stick a line of masking tape on the ground 1.5 m from the table.

Stand behind the sticky tape and throw coins on to the cardboard sheet. If the coin lands on the sheet without touching any of the lines, you win! If it touches a line, you lose. If it falls off the cardboard, you can throw again.

Play this game 20 times with a 20c coin, 20 times with a $1 coin and 20 times with a $2 coin. Write down the number of times you won with each type of coin. Which coin is easiest to win with?

What’s happening?

In this game, a smaller coin is more likely to win. Since you are throwing from far away, you don’t have much control over where the coin lands. Whether it ends up on a line should be more down to luck than skill. If it is entirely luck, you can do a simple bit of geometry to see the chances of winning or losing.

Look at one of your coins. It’s pretty close to being a circle, so if the centre is close to a line, then the coin will touch it. To work out the chances of winning, draw strips as wide as the coin centred on each of the lines on the cardboard. If the centre of the coin is in a strip, the coin must overlap a line and you have lost. If the centre of the coin is not in a strip, then the coin does not overlap a line, and you have won.

If you colour the strips, you can easily see the areas where you win and the areas where you lose. By measuring the areas inside and outside the strips, you can work out the probability that you will win. You could make a different sheet for each size of coin to work out how much easier it is with a $2 coin!

More information:

Dropping a coin onto a grid:

http://www.mathsisfun.com/activity/coin-grid.html

Hope you enjoy!

Don’t forget to keep up the Mathletics practice, awards are given weekly!

Luanda Pianta
Numeracy Co-ordinator
Dear Parents & Students,

Some fantastic news from Manningham Council:

Donvale Primary School OSHC has received a 5 Star Food Safety Award from Manningham Council. The Council is wishing to advertise our food business in local newspapers, publications and on the council's website.

This week children are busy making something to give their mum for Mother’s day. Children enjoyed the pancakes made by James D, Alfie H and Jonnathan G. Great job boys. Next week we will be busy with some multicultural (Egyptian) activities.

Everyone is invited to OSHClub’s biggest afternoon tea at OSHRoom on 22nd of May, Wednesday. Come and taste the cooking treats made by the children. Come along and make your cup count in the fight against cancer.

Please make sure all enrolment forms are up to date and all medical action plans have also been checked and changed or updated if needed.

Remember bookings can be made right up til 12:00 the midnight before, or you can book on the Day but there will be extra charge of $3.00 for bookings within 24 hours. If you’re ever stuck and would like your child to attend OSH After School Care you can call me or leave a message on 0402 362 443 and I will get back to you.

Jagruti Shah

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Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443
Coordinator: Jagruti
Assistants: Caroline and Jennifer
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
Parents Association

CADBURY CHOCOLATE DRIVE
8 families haven’t returned their money for the chocolates. Those families would have received a reminder notice last week. Can you please return money ASAP so we can wrap up this fundraiser.

Entertainment Books for July 2013-June 2014 are here. Cost per booklet is $65. If you want to purchase a book, return the completed form to the office. This offer is open to people outside Donvale Primary so if you have friends or family that would like a book add them to your order or collect another form from the office. Books can be collected immediately.

Mothers Day Stall – Fri 10th May
The annual Parents Association Mothers Day stall will be run TOMORROW, Friday 10th May.
Gifts will range in price from 50c up to $4. All children need to bring their own bag to carry their purchases. No bags will be provided at the stall. Thanks to those people who have offered to help run the stall

Meal Deal Day – Wednesday 15th May
Your child should have received an order form. Please return lunch order and money to the office by Monday 13th May. No late orders will be accepted.

Family Movie Night – Fri 24th May
Bring along a cushion or pillow pets, relax with some popcorn and a drink while watching a family friendly movie. As an optional extra, a pizza dinner will be offered prior to the commencement of the movie for a small charge…………more info this week.

Coming in Term 2
Meal Deal Day – Wednesday 19th June
Music and Movie Trivia Night – Sat 22nd June
Bunning’s BBQ Fundraiser – Sat 13th July
Next P.A. meeting is Friday 10th May at 2pm in the library.

This is a special meeting to begin planning for a proposed Donvale Primary School Community Fair in term 1, 2014.

Anyone interested in joining this sub-committee is welcome. There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to the DPS Community Fair.

Thank you to everyone for your support…………more info soon.

- Next scheduled P.A Meeting is Monday 13th May at 9am in the library. Everyone welcome even if you have never attended a meeting before.

Stacey Browne

Woolworths
EARN AND LEARN
The school is participating in this great program. So when you shop at Woolworths, don’t forget to pick up your tokens. Tokens can be placed in the collection box in the office foyer.
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More information on the following advertising is available from the office:

**DONCASTER CHURCH OF CHRIST** - Are you in Grade 3, 4, 5 or 6? All are welcome, simply come along for a good time in a fun, safe environment. (Cooking nights/video games/crafts/movies and much more)

**VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR** - Exclusive pre-sale offer. Offer opens Monday 13 May.

**KUMON** - Kumon Mitcham Education Centre: English and Mathematics.

**THE SALVATION ARMY** - Next Familyzone Sunday 19th May @ 3.29pm.

**PARK ORCHARDS COMMUNITY HOUSE & LEARNING CENTRE** - Study for your certificate III in children’s services.

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**Asthma and Complementary Therapies**

Complementary or alternative therapies are becoming increasingly popular in Australia, and many people seek out complementary remedies to support their health. As with any health condition, if you or a family member have asthma and are considering using complementary therapies, we strongly advise that you communicate with your doctor about your asthma treatment. They may even be able to suggest safe therapies to try! It is equally important to communicate to any complementary therapists about your asthma so that they can avoid treatments that are known to potentially make ones asthma worse.

Complementary therapies considered safe for asthma are: exercise programs, vitamin D, low-salt diet, some Chinese herbal medicines, some Indian (ayurvedic) herbs, music therapy, tai chi, buteyko (breathing technique).

Complementary therapies considered potentially unsafe for asthma are: inhaled salt (small risk of a fungal respiratory infection), echinacea, bee pollen or royal jelly (propolis), and products containing aspirin.

Remember, response to treatments and medications differs between people. Make sure you or your children continue taking any asthma medications prescribed unless otherwise instructed by your doctor. Stopping asthma medications suddenly can result in worsening asthma symptoms and even an asthma attack. For more information regarding complementary therapies and asthma please refer to The National Asthma Council (NAC) [http://www.nationalasthma.org.au/](http://www.nationalasthma.org.au/) or contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria for your free copy of the new NAC Asthma & Complementary Therapies brochure.

For more information please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 278 462 or [www.asthma.org.au](http://www.asthma.org.au).
Dear Parent / Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as ‘crypto’) is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. **This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends** - it is being provided across the State and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water where appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

**To prevent the spread of disease, parents / guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:**

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks;
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool;
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy;
- Avoid swallowing pool water.


If you have any concerns about your health or the health of your child, please consider seeking medical advice. A simple stool (poo) test is available to diagnose crypto infection if your doctor considers that crypto may be a cause of symptoms.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr Rosemary Lester
Chief Health Officer